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SUBJECT:ARAB BOYCOTT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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1. IN CASES OF IRAQI, KUWAITI AND SYRIAN EASING OF APPLICA-
TION OF BOYCOTT RESTRICTIONS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES,
CHANGES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY U.S. CARRIERS WITHOUT USG
REPRESENTATIONS TO HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS. AS EMBASSY
IS AWARE, WE HAVE RAISED ISSUE CAREFULLY AND INFORMALLY
WITH ITU AND ATU OFFICIALS. FOLLOWING REPORTS ON STATUS
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OF RCA GLOBCOM (RCAGC) TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELATIONSHIPS
WITH IRAQ, KUWAIT AND SYRIA ARE BASED ON RCAGC SOURCES:

IRAQ: ON SEPT. 11, 1976, IRAQI PTT SENT TELEX
NOTICE TO RCAGC RE ITS WILLINGNESS TO OPERATE DIRECTLY WITH
RCAGC VIA SATELLITE CIRCUIT SHARED BETWEEN RCAGC AND OTHER
U.S. CARRIERS. THIS AGREEMENT WAS IMPLEMENTED ON MARCH 9,

1977, PROVIDING RCAGC THREE CHANNELS ON WHICH RCAGC MAKES PAYMENTS SETTLEMENT ON MESSAGE TRAFFIC DIRECTLY WITH IRAQI PTT. WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL (WUI) HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF BEARER CIRCUIT WITH WUI COMPENSATED BY RCAGC AND OTHER U.S. CARRIERS FOR SHARED COST OF LEASING COMSAT CIRCUIT AND OTHER RELATED COSTS.

KUWAIT: KUWAIT PTT TELEX NOTICE OF MARCH 9, 1977 TO RCAGC HAS INDICATED KUWAITI WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW RCAGC TO OPERATE VIA ATLANTIC SATELLITE. RCA REPORTS THAT QUESTION OF WHICH U.S. CARRIER WILL HAVE BEARER CIRCUIT IS NOW UNCERTAIN; RCAGC HAD EXPECTED TO BE CHOSEN BY KUWAIT AS LEAD CARRIER. TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION IS UNDETERMINED THOUGH RCAGC BELIEVES KUWAIT SITUATION IS MOVING FASTER THAN SYRIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

SYRIA: SYRIAN PTT TELEX TO RCAGC DATED FEB. 15, 1977 HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT TO ALLOW RCAGC TO OPERATE PART OF ONE VOICE GRADE CIRCUIT ON SHARED BASIS USING TRANSATLANTIC CABLE VIA FRANCE. NUMBER OF CHANNELS TO BE ALLOTTED TO RCA, EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER DETAILS NOT YET DETERMINED.

2. RCAGC IS PURSUING INDEPENDENTLY ITS OWN INITIATIVES WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND HOPES TO OBTAIN INVITATION FOR RCAGC OFFICIAL TO REVISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. CHRISTOPHER

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